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SUBJECT: LABOR DISPUTE AT SHERATON HOTEL

1. IN RESPONSE OUR EARLIER INQUIRIES CONCERNING LABOR

DISPUTE, GEN MGR SHERATON HOTEL

TELEPHONED CONGEN TODAY TO INFORM US THAT HE WILL CLOSE HOTEL ON

DEC 26 IF WORKERS WHO WENT OUT ON STRIKE DEC 22 DO NOT RETURN

WITHIN 48 HOURS. HE SAID HOTEL OCCUPANCY NOW APPROXIMATELY 20

PERSONS ALL OF WHOM EXPECTED TO DEPART PRIOR TO DEC 26 DEADLINE.

2. HOTEL WHICH ONLY OPENED 4 MONTHS AGO PRESENTLY HAS NO AGREEMENT

COVERING ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND IS ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE LABOR

CONTRACT. APPARENTLY MORE THAN 400 OUT OF APPROXIMATELY 500

EMPLOYEES BELONG TO TURIZM IS, AFFILIATE OF THE LEFTIST DISK TRADE

CONFEDERATION THAT CREATED SEVERE DISTURBANCES IN LABOR DISPUTE

AT THE HILTON HOTEL IN AUGUST 1975.

3. IMPASSE HAS ARISEN OVER UNION REQUEST FOR 60 PERCENT WAGE

INCREASE WHICH GEN MGR CHARACTERIZED AS "ASTRONOMICAL". HE POINTED

OUT THAT MOST OF LABOR FORCE STILL UNDER TRAINING AND IN ANY CASE, HAD

BEEN GIVEN HIGHER SALARIES THAN THOSE PREVAILING AT OTHER ISTANBUL

HOTELS WHEN THEY WERE HIRED 5 TO 6 MONTHS AGO. HE HAS OFFERED TO

DISCUSS ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES PROVIDED WORKERS RETURN TO THEIR JOBS,

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BUT THIS HAS BEEN REJECTED BY TURIZM IS LEADERS.

4. GEN MGR SAID TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FULLY INFORMED OF SITUATION, NOTING THAT CHAIRMAN OF BOARD IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ERBAKAN. HOWEVER, GOVT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO INTERVENE HELPFULLY. HE INDICATED THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTED IN HIS ACTIONS BOTH BY GOT AND SHERATOR MANAGEMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE NOT REQUESTING U.S. ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME BUT HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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